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## **\*\* Information Advisory \*\***

### **Policy 527 Revisions and Staffing Changes for Gang Unit**

As the result of collaborative efforts which involved elected State Officials, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Attorney General's Office, the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association, the Kansas Peace Officers Association, the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriff's Association and the Wichita Police Department, the State of Kansas has enacted the Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 2006. Since, the Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 2006 is law, the Wichita Police Department has made revisions to Policy 527 Gang/Targeted Offender Program, which is reflected in the changes below:

#### **Policy Changes**

Policy 527 Gang/Targeted Offender has been significantly revised to reflect recent changes in the State Statute on gangs. K.S.A. 21-3212 expands the criteria qualifying an individual as a criminal street gang member, defines recruitment or intimidation by street gangs, and establishes a \$50,000 bond for documented gang members arrested for a person felony.

Changes in the arrest procedure for gang members will now require that the arresting officer access the gang database through an available gang officer or gang detective, or by running the individual's name on the computer containing access to the gang database available at each sub-station\*, and complete an arrest affidavit documenting the facts of the case and the gang bond phraseology.

\* We are currently obtaining software for one computer at each substation that will allow read-only access to the gang database on the K-Drive. The software will give commissioned officers the ability to confirm an individual's gang status as required by Policy 527.06. Installation of the software is anticipated by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Until the software is installed, officers must contact a gang officer or gang detective to access the gang database.

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## **Changes in Case Assignment and Working Hours**

Effective immediately, cases in which a documented gang member is arrested, or is the suspect, will be investigated by the Gang/TOPS Section. Non-gang, non-DV aggravated assault and/or battery cases will be investigated by the Homicide Section.

Effective Saturday July 15, 2006 Gang Detective Dan Harty and TOPS Detective Matt Hall will be assigned to new hours to assist Patrol and Night Investigations in the investigation of gang cases. The detectives will remain assigned to the Gang Unit, but will work from 1700-0300 hours, Wednesday-Saturday.

Det. Harty and Det. Hall will be available during their working hours to assist patrol officers in checking the gang database, preparing the affidavit portion of incident reports on arrested suspects, and assisting in any gang related investigation. The detectives will also assist the gang officers and make random checks of gang members to assure they are complying with their parole/probation/bond restrictions.

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